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In re application of

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 4 as follows:

--4. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid encoding a protein according to claim 1.--

Amend claim 6 as follows:

--6. (Amended) A nucleic acid which hybridizes specifically under stringent conditions to a nucleic acid according to claim 4.--

Amend claim 7 as follows:

--7. (Amended) An expression vector which comprises a nucleic acid according to claim 4.--

Amend claim 8 as follows:

--8. (Amended) A method for producing a protein, which method comprises the steps of

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